

REMARKS

In the Office Action of May 23, 2005, claims 1-20 had been presented for examination. Of these, claim 19 was allowed, claims 1 and 20 were rejected and claims 2-18 were "objected to."

In response to the Office Action, Applicant amends claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, cancels claim 2, amends the dependencies of claims 3, 4 and 18 correspondingly, and amends claim 20 to include limitations similar to those now included in claim 1. Accordingly, the outstanding rejection is mooted and all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

The amendment of claims 1 and 20 is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to seek protection for other claims in a continuation application, should Applicant choose to do so, and is not intended as acquiescence in the rejection. Rather, it is an expedient step taken to advance this application to allowance at minimal cost. Applicant intentionally disavows any implication that by so amending claims 1 and 20 Applicant has expressed an intent to relinquish all subject matter between scope of the prior claims 1 and 2. Applicant is simply accepting the subject matter indicated to be allowable for claim 2, without relinquishing the right to claim non-literal, infringement by equivalency relative to any part of claims 1 and 20.

All claims are now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is therefore requested. Should there be any reason the Examiner will not be issuing a Notice of Allowance in response to this communication, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,



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